

News Highlights, Nov. 22-29, 2012

Top Events – USA News

Celebrate Christmas with Civil War Soldiers

Leave the hustle and bustle of modern holidays behind and travel back to a simpler place and time at Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site's Civil War Christmas at Four Oaks, North Carolina. On Saturday, December 1, drop by and help decorate an 1860s style Christmas tree, spend time with Confederate soldiers around the campfire, sip cider with civilian living historians and tour the circa 1855 Harper House. And in Halifax, North Carolina, Colonial Christmas traditions along with a lively Christmas Parade will combine to create a festive atmosphere for all at the Christmas in Halifax festivities on Saturday, December 8 from 10am to 4pm. Read more here.

Carolina Beach Today and WECT TV-6

Fort Fisher shows up on the big screen in "Lincoln"

A historic landmark that played a pivotal role in changing the face of our history, now has a role in the recently released movie "Lincoln". The movie mentions Fort Fisher and Wilmington several times. The fall of Fort Fisher sealed the outcome of the Civil War. "We have already garnered some interest in our site because of the movie and we feel like it can only do wonderful things in terms of increasing visitation," said Si Lawrence, media specialist at Fort Fisher. Read more here and here and here.

Fayetteville Observer

Broadwell: Breaking news from November 1789

"This just in," the blow-dried newscaster intones. "Dateline, Fayetteville: North Carolina becomes the 12th state to join the Union." In other news, hardy shoppers are camping outside the general stores for Black Friday sales on powder horns and candlesticks. History isn't confined to the past, you know. The N.C. Department of Cultural Resources has demonstrated that with its "This Day in North Carolina History" blog post that arrives by email every morning if you sign up to receive it. Two recent installments featured the 1789 statehood vote and the opening of the Confederate Women's Home here on Nov. 18, 1915. Read more here.

WTVD TV-11 (Durham) -- Associated Press

N.C. Museum of History exhibit focuses on Civil War

The N.C. Museum of History is presenting the second part of its series commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The second part of the exhibit is titled "North Carolina and the Civil War: The Raging Storm, 1863." It opened Nov. 4 and continues through Oct. 27, 2013. More than 10,000 Tar Heel soldiers were killed or wounded or died from disease in 1863. Read more here.

The Pilot (Southern Pines)

Looks Good Enough to Eat: Salivate Over Paintings at Art Museum

If food is a metaphor for life, then still life paintings record history. ... "What all still life painters have in common is the need to pay close, personal attention to the stuff of this world," said John Coffey, NCMA deputy director for art during the exhibit opening. "What's painted is less important than how it's painted." Read more here.

WWAY TV-3 (Wilmington)

This Day in NC History: Blackbeard was killed

On November 22, 1718, the infamous pirate Blackbeard was killed. The "Golden Age of Piracy" flourished briefly along the North Carolina coast in the early 18th century. Foremost among the pirates was Edward Teach, aka "Blackbeard." He lived briefly in the town of Bath during the summer of 1718. For more about North Carolina's history, arts and culture, visit ncdcr.gov. Read more here.

Yadkin Ripple

NC Arts Council writer works with community

Students in Kevin Puckett's seventh grade science class weren't expecting to close the year out as published writers, but now they can say they did. North Carolina Arts Council writer Belle Boggs spent a week each with students at Starmount and Forbush Middle schools to help encourage students to explore their creative side and write their stories for others to read. Boggs also spent some time with the community members in Yadkinville on Veterans Day. Read more here.

Salisbury Post

Santa spreads cheer at Transportation Museum

Before he readies his flying reindeer, Santa Claus is comin' to town on a train. The N.C. Transportation Museum began its annual Santa Train rides on Saturday. They will continue today and each Saturday and Sunday in December until Christmas. Read more here.

Our State

It Takes An Orchestra: The North Carolina Symphony celebrates its 80th season with a colorful cast of characters, a complex composition, and an ear for yesterday

One hundred years ago, a song is born. It is music, sprung from marks on a page. Then in November 2011, N.C. Symphony music director Grant Llewellyn decides *Daphnis et Chloe* will be a part of his orchestra's show the following September. That show will be the first big indoor concert of the N.C. Symphony's 80th anniversary season. It will also mark the 100th anniversary of the song.

WCTI TV-12

Tryon Palace to honor Bombay, India for holiday festivities

The Dixon House on Pollock Street is showing signs of Christmas past. The theme this year at Tryon Palace is based on the heritage of Governor Tryon's wife, Margaret Wake Tryon. "She grew up in Bombay, India, and her father was governor of Bombay when she was younger," said Brandon Henderson, Director of Education. Read more here.

Daily Advance (Elizabeth City)

It's One Big Christmas Weekend

You may think last weekend's shopping frenzy kicked off the holiday season, but here in the Albemarle, well this weekend opens the floodgates of seasonal cheer. Edenton will get the holiday started at their downtown waterfront with the town tree lighting, 6 p.m. They'll kick in some carolers, goodies, train rides and Santa for the kids. Their big weekend will come the following week, so keep a look out in The Daily Advance for more information about the Candlelight Tour. Read more here.

Elkin Tribune

Horne Creek Farm announces Christmas by Lamp Light program

Horne Creek Living Historical Farm will once again recreate the atmosphere of a 1900s-era Christmas on Dec. 4 and Dec. 6. According to Horne Creek Historic interpreter Dale Jessup, the event's goal is to show participants how the Hauser family, the home's original owners, would have celebrated the season. Jessup said the farm house will be decorated with period decorations and lit by oil lamps and fireplaces. Read more here.

The Pilot (Southern Pines)

Poe House Hosts Victorian Jubilee

Celebrate the Christmas season with Victorian flair at the annual Holiday Jubilee at the 1897 Poe House, in Fayetteville, Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. The house will be elaborately decorated for a Victorian Christmas, providing a beautiful backdrop for this festive event and will be open between the caroling performances. Read more here.